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Tariff 15-A – Household Goods**

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ITEM 20 -- DEFINITIONS

“Accessorial Services” means any service provided by a household goods carrier that supplements, or is secondary to, the transportation of household goods. Examples: packing, unpacking, wrapping or protecting portions of the shipment, and hoisting.

“Article” means one unit of property, whether in a single piece (set up) or taken apart (knocked down) into its component parts. Example: A table and the legs which have been removed from it is considered a single article. Article does not mean a “set” or all the articles in one container. Examples: (1) Each of the matching chairs in a dining room set is considered an article. (2) In a box containing a set of encyclopedias, each encyclopedia is considered an article.

“Bill of Lading” or **“Bill of Lading Contract”** means a shipping document issued by the household goods carrier, signed by both the customer and the household goods carrier, that establishes the legal contract, terms, and conditions for a shipment of household goods.

“Constructive Weight” means a weight based on a formula of seven pounds per cubic foot of properly loaded van space occupied by the customer’s goods.

“Customer” means a person or entity that hires a household goods carrier.

“Declared Value” means the dollar amount that the customer states on the bill of lading as the value of the goods being shipped.

“Depreciated Value” means replacement cost minus depreciation.

◆ **“Eastern Washington”** and **“Western Washington”** means: The dividing line between Eastern Washington and Western Washington is the summit of the Cascade Range, which is also the county border, starting at the Canadian border and running south as far as Mt. Adams; from Mt. Adams running south to the Columbia river the dividing line is between the eastern border of Skamania County and the western borders of Yakima and Klickitat Counties. (TV-000921)

“Flight of Stairs” means: (a) Inside a building – flight means the stairs leading from one complete floor to the next complete floor or story. (b) Outside a building – flight means a set of at least 8 but not more than 20 steps. Less than 8 steps is not considered a flight.

“Gross Weight” means the weight of the shipment, including the customer’s goods, all packing containers, and all packing materials.

“Hourly Rated Shipment” means shipments transported 35 miles or less.

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"Household Goods" means property, used or to be used in a residence, that is transported between residences or between a residence and a storage facility with the intent to later transport to a residence. Not included in this definition are:

- **Retail store delivery** – transportation between a retail business and a residence;
- **Pack and load** – services by those companies who provide only packing and loading services, but no transportation service; and
- **Containerized freight** – transportation of customer packed and sealed self-storage type containers when no accessorial services are provided by a motor carrier in connection with the transportation of the container.

"Interruption" means a situation causing a stoppage of service that is in the control of the carrier and not in the control of the shipper. For example: coffee breaks, lunch breaks, breakdown of equipment, and other similar occurrences.

"Legal Holidays" are: New Year's Day (January 1st);
Presidents' Day (3rd Monday in February);
Memorial Day (last Monday in May);
Independence Day (July 4th);
Labor Day; (1st Monday in September);
Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November);
Christmas Eve (December 24th); and
Christmas Day (December 25th).

Exceptions: When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday.

"Loaded Distance" means the distance between the loading point (origin) of the shipment and the unloading point (destination) -- the distance the carrier's vehicle actually transports the customer's goods.

"Loaded Weight" means the weight of a motor vehicle obtained when:

- (a) The customer's goods are loaded into the vehicle;
- (b) The vehicle's fuel tank is full;
- (c) All pads, chains, dollies, hand trucks, and other equipment needed in transportation of the shipment are on board the vehicle; and
- (d) The crew is not on board the vehicle.

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“Long Carry” means where the mover must carry household for a distance in excess of 75 feet between the vehicle and the door of the residence. In a multifamily building (apartment house) long carry also includes where the mover must carry the household goods in excess of 75 feet between the vehicle and the entrance door of the apartment.

“Mileage Rated Shipments” means the shipment is transported more than 35 miles from origin to destination.

“Net Weight” means the weight of the goods shipped by the customer. It is determined by subtracting the tare weight of the vehicle from the loaded weight of the vehicle.

“Packing” means the accessorial service of protecting any portion of a shipment by placing it in boxes, cartons, crates, dish packs, suitcases, trunks, or other protective containers.

“Regular Time” means Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

“Replacement” means providing as good as, or equal in value to, the lost or damaged article.

“Released valuation” means the stated value of articles tendered by the customer to the carrier. When articles are damaged or lost, the customer can only recover the actual amount of loss or damage, limited to the value declared. (The phrases "released value," "declared value," and "value declared by the customer" have the same meaning where used in this tariff.)

“Stops In Transit” means a service where the carrier loads, unloads or both loads and unloads portions of the customer’s household goods at more than one site.

“Storage In Transit” means temporary warehouse storage (90 days or less) of a shipment pending further transportation.

“Story” means: (a) Inside a building – story means the stairs leading from one complete floor to the next complete floor or story. (b) Outside a building – story means a set of at least 8 but not more than 20 steps. Less than 8 steps is not considered a story.

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“Tare Weight” means the weight of an empty motor vehicle obtained when:

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- (a) The vehicle's fuel tank is full;
- (b) All pads, chains, dollies, hand trucks, and other equipment needed in the transportation of the shipment are on board the vehicle; and
- (c) The crew is not on board the vehicle.

“Third Party” means a person or entity other than the carrier who provides services requested by the customer through an arrangement with the carrier.

"Unpacking" means the accessorial service of removing contents from boxes, cartons, crates, dish packs, suitcases, trunks, or other protective containers.

“Valuation” and “Valuation Protection” means the level of protection the customer selects to protect its household goods against loss or damage.

"Vehicle" means any motor truck, tractor, or other self-propelled vehicle, any trailer, semi-trailer, or any combination of such vehicles moving as a single unit.

“Weight Value” means the weight determined by multiplying a dollar amount specified in a valuation option times the weight of the shipment. The resulting figure determines the carrier's maximum liability for loss or damage.

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